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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a non-volatile memory device comprising: using one or more unused bits of an address argument of a command as an addressing mode field to determine whether said address argument is a byte address argument or a block address argument.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 comprising: determining that the address argument is the byte address argument when the addressing mode field is zero.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 comprising: determining that the address argument is the block address argument when the addressing mode field is one.
4. (original) The method of claim 2 further comprising: accessing a byte address within a memory unit according to the byte address argument if said address argument is a byte address argument.
5. (original) The method of claim 3 further comprising: accessing a block address within a memory unit according to the block address argument if said address argument is a block address argument.
6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein using said one or more unused bits comprises using a least significant bit of said address argument.
7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein using said one or more unused bits comprises using a most significant bit of said address argument.
8. (original) An apparatus comprising: a non-volatile memory unit; and a controller to determine whether an addressing mode to access said memory unit is a byte addressing mode or a block addressing mode and to send a

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- command to access data within said memory unit according to said addressing mode.
9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said memory unit is a multi media card (MMC).
 10. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said memory unit is a secure digital (SD) memory card.
 11. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the addressing mode is associated with the ninth bit of a 48-bit command having a 32-bit address argument.
 12. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the addressing mode is associated with the 31-st bit of a 48-bit command having a 32-bit address argument.
 13. (currently amended) [An article comprising] a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that, when executed by a computing platform functionally associated with a non-volatile memory device, result in: using an addressing mode field of an address argument of a command to determine whether said address argument is a byte address argument or a block address argument.
 14. (original) The storage medium [article] of claim 13 wherein the instructions, when executed result in: using one or more unused bits of the address argument as the addressing mode field.
 15. (original) The storage medium [article] of claim 13, wherein the instructions when executed further result in: determining that the address argument is the byte address argument when the addressing mode field is zero.
 16. (original) The storage medium [article] of claim 13, wherein the instructions when executed further result in: determining that the address argument is the block address argument when the addressing mode field is one.